THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir, the Geological survey for mineral wealth in Andhra Pradesh is in progress.

(b) The various minerals proposed to be explored in Andhra Pradesh during 1986-87 are coal, diamond, gold phosphorite, graphite, asbestos, tin-tungsten and base metals (copper, lead and zinc).

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the house.

Slum Clearance in Cities

3311. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is total amount allocated for slum clearance in all the big cities in the country; and

(b) the amount allocated for slum clearance in Hyderabad and other big cities in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The present policy of the Government lays emphasis on environmental improvement of urban slums in site rather than their massive clearance and relocation. Under the State sector Scheme of Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums (EIUS) basic amenities are provided in the urban slums. The 7th Plan outlay for this scheme is Rs. 269.55 crores with a target of coverage of 9 million slum dwellers.

(b) The State Governments formulate and implement appropriate projects under the Scheme of EIUS, out of their Annual Plan provisions, in accordance with their needs and priorities. The 7th Plan outlay under the Scheme for Andhra Pradesh is Rs. 30.00 crores.

Profits earned by SAIL

3312.SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Steel Authority of India earned any profits during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) steps being taken to increase its profits further in future?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir. A statement showing the profits/loss made by SAIL during the last 3 years is given below:—

Rs. in crores

	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
Profit(+) Loss (—)	(—)214·53	(+)4·24	(+)159·00

(b) continuous efforts are being made by SAIL to improve its profitability. SAIL is endeavouring to:

(i) Increase total production and also production of demand-oriented products by diversifying its productmix.

(ii) Upgrade the technological regimes as well as adopt to the extent possible, latest technologies at the time of modernisation/expansion of the projects;

(iii) Improve techno-economic parameters;

(iv) Improve yields of by-products and attain better recovery of waste and secondary arisings;

(v) Reduce inventories and working capital;

(vi) Improve maintenance of plant and equipment for better availability;

(vii) Optimise captive power generation and energy conservation;

(viii) Insure adequate inputs of the right quality;

(ix) Modernise and refurbish existing ageing and obsolecent plants/equipment; and

(x) Intensify research and development efforts.

(2) Non- productive expenditure is being cut down.

(3) Change in work culture conducive to higher production and productivity is being effected.

(4) Cost control devices and cost reduction measures are continuously being made more effective.

(i) There is regular monitoring of cost of production at plants level. The variances are brought to the notice of shop level management and discussed for corrective action.

(ii) The cost statements are being analysed at the corporate office and observations of the corporate office on the adverse trends, wherever noticed, are brought to the notice of plant management for corrective action.

Import of Nemacur

3313. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nemacur gave excellent results in the management of root-knot nemetodes to tobacco;

(b) whtther Government are likely to take immediate steps for manufacture or import of Nemacur; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir, It is a fact that Nemacur (Phenamiphos) is effective for the management of Root knot nematodes of tobacco crop.

(b) and (c) The manufacture or import of Nemacur could be undertaken only after this product is included in the Schedule to the Insecticides Act, 1968 and registered in the country. The Central Insecticide Board has recommended the inclusion of this product in the Schedule to the above Act. After the inclusion, entrepreneurs would be able to apply for registration of the products and also take subsequent steps for its manufacture or import.

पशु कल्याण बोर्ड के पदाधिकारी

3314. **श्री अश्विनी कुमार** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पशु कल्याण बोर्ड का गठन कब हुआ और गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान इसके पदाधिकारी कौन-कौन थे। और इस बोर्ड के वर्तमान एकाधिकारियों के नाम और पते क्या हैं ; और

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि इस बोर्ड में न तो हिन्दी में कोई काम हो रहा है और न ही इसमें कोई हिन्दी अधिकारी नियुक्त है ;

कृषि मंत्रालय में कृषि और सहकारिता विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र मकवाणा) : (क) भारतीय पशु कल्याण बोर्ड की स्थापना 19 मार्च, 1962 को की गई थी। बोर्ड के पुनर्गठन होने तक डा० ओ० एन० सिंह पशुपालन आयुक्त, भारत सरकार और बोर्ड के पदेन सदस्य ने 30-7-81 से 28-9-84 तक पशु कल्याण बोर्ड पर पूर्ववत कार्य किया।

श्रीमती रुक्मिनी देवी अरुणदेल को 29.9.84 से बोर्ड से अध्यक्ष के रूप में नामित किया गया था और वे 24-2-86 तक, जबकि उनका देहांत हुआ, अध्यक्षा बनी रहीं।

4 जुलाई, 1986 से श्री एम० सी० डागा, संसद सदस्य को बोर्ड के अध्यक्ष